

A "CONTROL" PERFIN

The stamp pictured below surely represents about as much "control" as could be applied in the use of postage stamps. To begin with, it bears the Kansas overprint, which was designed to prevent losses from post office burglaries. Secondly, it bears a Wichita, Kansas, precancel, and although the primary purpose of precancels is to facilitate the handling of bulk mail, it nevertheless represents a control of sorts, since only permit holders are supposed to use precancels. Thirdly, it bears the Perfin of Standard Oil Company's Wichita branch (S195-15).

This unusual Perfin was reported by Bob Schwerdt in response to the editor's recent query as to whether or not members would like a census of Perfin patterns on the Kansas and Nebraska overprints. Two or three members have responded with some lists of such Perfins in their collections. If you would like to see such a census, let the editor hear from you.

